



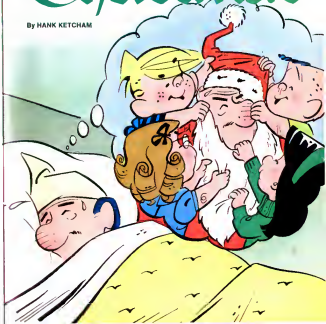
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*Dennis the Menace &  
Mr. Wilson and His Gang*  
at  
**Christmas**

By HANK KETCHAM





# SANTA'S HELPERS

## HELP THEMSELVES



"DENNIS THE MENACE", CREATED BY HANK KETCHAM, APPEARS IN OVER 700 NEWSPAPERS . . . IN 43 COUNTRIES . . . IN 14 LANGUAGES!

MMM BOY!  
CHRISTMAS  
COOKIES,  
HUH?

NO---ACTUALLY  
THEY'RE NOT.



I CAN SEE  
THEY'RE  
GINGERBREAD  
MEN!

THAT'S ALL YOU  
CAN DO WITH THEM  
--- LOOK AT THEM!



PENNIS!  
DON'T TOUCH!

THEY'RE COOL  
ENOUGH, NOW!



OH-OH!

WILL YOU GET OUT  
OF THERE?!



I KNOW YOU CAN'T EAT THIS ONE  
IF IT'S BEEN ON THE FLOOR ----  
BUT I DON'T MIND!



**CRUNCH**  
YOW!





YES, BUT THEY'RE MADE TO LAST LONGER THAN COOKIES ON THE TREE..





GINGERBREAD MEN  
OUTA CARDBOARD?  
WHY FOR?

WHY FOR CHRISTMAS  
TREE DECORATIONS.



DON'T ANYBODY MAKE  
ANYTHING **REAL**  
ANY MORE?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN,  
DENNIS---ANYTHING  
**REAL**?

I MEAN  
ANYTHING  
TO **EAT**!



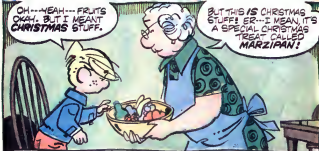
EVERYTHING  
THIS CHRISTMAS  
IS JUST TO **LOOK AT**!

WELL, SOME THINGS  
**CAN** BE NICE TO  
LOOK AT....

...AND NICE  
TO **EAT**, TOO!

**NOW**  
YOU'RE  
TALKIN'!





OH---YEAH--- FRUITS  
OKAY. BUT I MEANT  
CHRISTMAS STUFF.

BUT THIS IS CHRISTMAS  
STUFF! ER---I MEAN, IT'S  
A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS  
TREAT CALLED  
MARZIPAN!



MARZY- WHAT?  
LOOKS JUST LIKE  
FRUIT TO ME!

BUT I  
MADE IT!



MARZIPAN IS BETWEEN  
CAKE AND CANDY.

YOU SURE  
FOOLED ME!



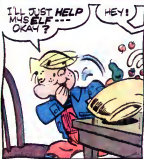
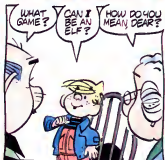
HERE ---  
TRY IT!

OKAY!



MMHMMBOY! YOU SURE KNOW  
WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT!





# HOW TO MAKE MRS. WILSON'S MARZIPAN

REAL MARZIPAN, A GERMAN CONFECTION, IS VERY EXPENSIVE, BEING MADE OF ALMOND PASTE, EGGS AND SUGAR. THE ALMOND PASTE IS THE DEAREST INGREDIENT.

**BUT---HERE IS A CHEAPER BUT DELICIOUS VERSION YOU CAN MAKE!**



**F**IRST, BOIL ONE SMALL POTATO. COOL IT, PEEL IT, THEN MASH IT IN A LARGE BOWL WITH ELECTRIC MIXER. MASH IT SOME MORE WITH A FORK.

**T**HEN MIX IN, WITH A SPOON, CONFECTIONER'S SUGAR, A POUND OR MORE, UNTIL YOU HAVE A THICK PASTE.

**A**DD  $\frac{1}{3}$  CUP GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBS, AND  $\frac{1}{2}$  TEASPOON ALMOND EXTRACT AND MIXED TOGETHER.



**N**OW MIX YOUR FOOD COLORINGS --- WHICH YOU CAN GET IN A KIT OF FOUR SMALL BOTTLES OF DIFFERENT COLORS. IN CUPS, MIX JUST A FEW DROPS OF WATER WITH EACH FOOD COLOR.

**S**HAPE PIECES OF YOUR MARZIPAN "DOUGH" INTO FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHAPES, AND BRUSH THE RIGHT COLORS ON YELLOW BANANAS, RED APPLES AND STRAWBERRIES, AND SO ON.

**A**FTER THE COLOR DRIES, STORE IN A COVERED CONTAINER IN REFRIGERATOR UNTIL YOU EAT THEM OR GIVE THEM AWAY.



HOW ABOUT MAKING  
MR. WILSON'S  
**CARDBOARD**  
**GINGERBREAD**  
**MEN**  
ORNAMENTS



**M**AKE A DESIGN OF A GINGERBREAD MAN AND TRACE IT OUT ON CORRUGATED CARDBOARD. (TWO THICKNESSES GLUED TOGETHER MAKE A 'FATTER' MAN.)

**A**LSO, CUT OUT TWO 'MEN' FROM BROWN WRAPPING PAPER.

**C**UT OUT THE CARDBOARD MAN AND BIND THE EDGES WITH MASKING TAPE.



**S**TICK YOUR PAPER MEN, BACK AND FRONT, OVER THE CARDBOARD MAN, SO THAT THE BENT-OVER MASKING TAPE IS COVERED.

**S**PRAY WITH CLEAR PLASTIC SPRAY, THEN DECORATE WITH COLORED YARNS FOR THE EDGE 'ICING', BLACK FELT SPOTS FOR EYES AND BUTTONS, RED FELT FOR THE MOUTH.

**T**APE EDGES OF CARDBOARD WITH MASKING TAPE, THEN COVER WITH BROWN PAPER CUTOUTS.



OR-TRY MAKING  
DENNIS' MOM'S

# BAKED TREE DECORATIONS



**M**IX TOGETHER IN A BOWL ---  
ONE CUP OF SALT, AND 2 CUPS OF FLOUR.  
THEN ADD 1 CUP WATER, A LITTLE AT A TIME.

**K**NEAD TOGETHER UNTIL YOU HAVE A  
DOUGH LIKE PUTTY.



**R**OLL OUT "DOUGH" 1/2  
THICK AND CUT WITH  
COOKIE CUTTERS.



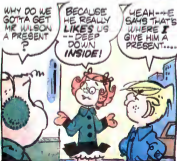
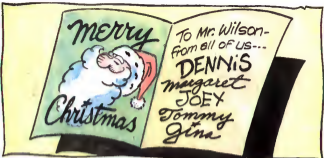
**A**DD SMALL BLOBS OF DOUGH FOR  
EYES, BUTTONS, TIE, ETC.  
**D**ON'T FORGET-- POKE HOLE IN TOP FOR STRINGS!

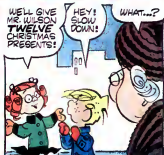
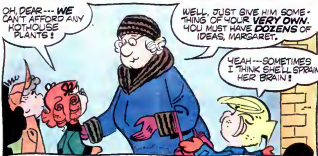
**B**AKE IN 325 OVEN  
UNTIL LIGHT BROWN.

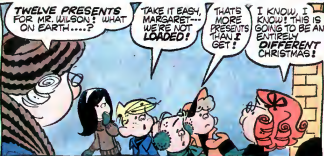
**S**PRAY VARNISH TO MAKE THEM  
LAST--- COLOR IF YOU WANT.



**B**UT--- DON'T TRY TO EAT THEM OR YOU'LL  
FIND OUT WHAT DENNIS DID! OUCH!







**TWELVE PRESENTS FOR MR. WILSON! WHAT ON EARTH.....?**

**TAKE IT EASY, MARGARET--- WE'RE NOT LOADED!**

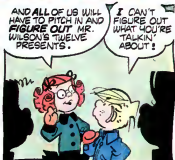
**THAT'S MORE PRESENTS THAN I GET!**

**I KNOW, I KNOW! THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS!**



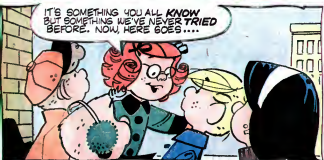
**WILL YOU HELP MRS. WILSON?**

**WHY, OF COURSE --- I GUESS!**

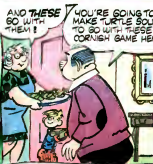


**AND ALL OF US WILL HAVE TO PITCH IN AND FIGURE OUT MR. WILSON'S TWELVE PRESENTS.**

**I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!**

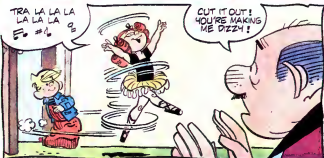


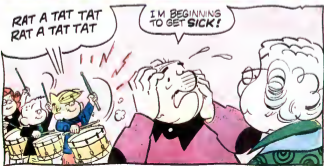
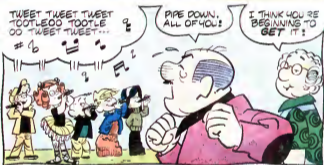
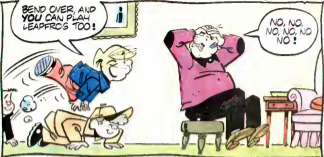
**IT'S SOMETHING YOU ALL KNOW BUT SOMETHING WE'VE NEVER TRIED BEFORE. NOW, HERE GOES.....**

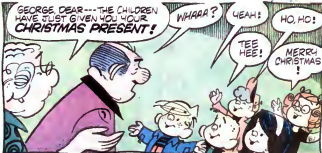














ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE  
GAVE TO ME ---  
**TWELVE DRUMMERS**  
& DRUMMING....



RAT A  
TAT TAT



**ELEVEN PIPERS**  
PIPING....



TWEEDLE  
DEE TWEE...



**TEN LORDS**  
A-LEAPING....



PLAYIN'  
LEAPFROG  
---GET IT?





NINE LADIES DANCING....



I'M SORRY THERE'S NOT NINE OF ME!



YEAH--- ONLY CATS HAVE NINE LIVES!



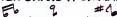
EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING....



THIS PUDDING IS MADE-OF-MILK-- GET IT DEAR?



SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING.



YOU GOTTA MAKE-B' LIEVE THESE DUCKS IS SWANS!





SIX GEESE A-LAYING....

$\frac{2}{4}$



$\#1$

OUR GEESE LAID  
EASTER EGGS FOR  
YOU, GEORGE!



FIVE GOLDEN RINGS....

$\frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{2}{4}$



HOW 'BOUT  
IT, IF THESE  
HOOPS WAS  
SOLID  
GOLD!



FOUR CALLING BIRDS....



$\frac{2}{4}$

$\#1$

CUCKOO  
CUCKOO  
CUCKOO  
CUCKOO

IT'S FOUR  
O'CLOCK  
---SEE?





THREE FRENCH HENS....

♩ ♪ ♫ ♪

THESE CORNISH HENS WERE AS CLOSE AS WE COULD COME.



TWO TURTLE DOVES....

♩ ♪ ♩ ♪

PRETTY CLOSE... BUT TURTLE DOVES ARE **BIRDS**.

SWAN! TURTLES CAN'T FLY!

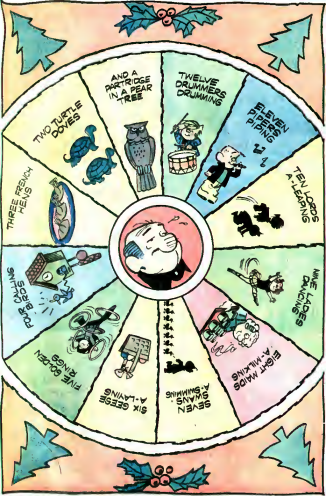


AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE!

♩ ♪ ♩







AND A  
PARTRIDGE  
IN A PEAR  
TREE



TWELVE  
DRUMMERS  
DRUMMING



ELEVEN  
PIPER'S  
PIPING



TEN LORDS  
A-LEAPING



TWO TURTLE  
DOVES



THREE FRENCH  
HENS



FOUR CALLING  
BIRDS



NINE LADIES  
DANCING



FIVE GOLDEN  
RINGS



SIX GESE  
A-LAYING



SEVEN  
SWANS  
A-SWIMMING



EIGHT MAIDS  
A-MILKING





# LET GEORGE DO IT

YOU KNOW, GEORGE, YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING NICE FOR THE CHILDREN THIS CHRISTMAS.

OKAY--- I'LL SEND 'EM CHRISTMAS CARDS.

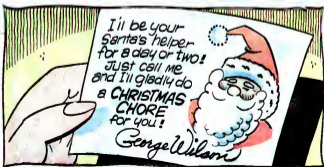
I ALREADY HAVE!

WELL, THAT'S THAT THEN.

I SENT THEM EACH THIS KIND OF CARD.

OH?

WHAT?!



DOES THIS MEAN MR. WILSON WILL DO ANYTHING I WANT HIM TO?



I ALWAYS KNEW HE LIKED CHILDREN, DEEP DOWN INSIDE!



MAMA MIA!



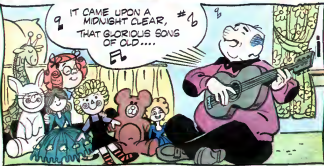
BOY, HAVE I GOT A CHORE FOR HIM!



IS HE TAKIN' OVER SANTA'S JOB?









HOO, BOY!  
AM I GLAD YOU  
SEND ME THAT  
CARD MR.  
WILSON!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE  
GLAD. I'M NOT  
SO GLAD!



BECAUSE I  
WANNA SEND  
THESE  
CHRISTMAS  
CARDS TO  
ITALIA, AN'  
I DUNNO  
HOW!

HM! WELL, WE  
CAN RUN THEM  
DOWN TO THE  
POST OFFICE.



DO I GOTTA  
HAVE ITALIAN  
STAMPS FOR  
EM?

I DON'T  
THINK SO---  
WE'LL FIND  
OUT.



THESE BETTER  
GO AIR MAIL---  
PRETT  
EXPENSIVE,  
THOUGH!

HOW MUCH MONEY  
DO YOU HAVE, GINA?

NONE! YOUR  
CARD SAH YOU  
DO A JOB  
FOR ME!



LET'S SEE---31¢ PER HALF-OUNCE  
... EACH CARD IS AN OUNCE AND A  
HALF---93¢ PER CARD  
... 10 CARDS... THAT'LL  
BE \$9.90, PLEASE!

OH,  
NO!

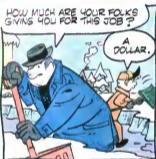
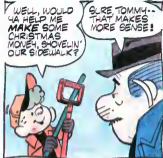
YOU  
PROMISED  
IN YOUR  
CARD!



WHY DID YOU HAVE TO COME  
FROM ITALY, FOR PETE'S  
SAKE?

BETTER YOU  
ASK MY  
MAMA!











HERE'S A NEAT  
CHRISTMAS BOOK  
YOU CAN MAKE  
FOR A SPECIAL PAL'S  
PRESENT!



### HERE'S HOW!

1. **C**UT OUT THE FOLLOWING PAGES ON DASH LINES. KEEP THEM IN ORDER.
2. **F**OLD ALL TOGETHER IN THE MIDDLE.
3. **S**TAPLE THEM DOWN THE MIDDLE LIKE THIS COMIC BOOK IS STAPLED.
4. **G**IVE OR SEND TO SOMEONE SPECIAL.  
(DON'T FORGET THEIR NAME, AND YOUR OWN NAME ON THE INSIDE COVER!)

HAVE FUN!....

**HAVE FUN**



**ALL YEAR!**

**CHRISTMAS**



**CHEERS!**

This little book was  
put together just for...

---

With happy Christmas  
wishes by....

---

FOR CHRISTMAS 1976



Hi!  
I HOPE..  
YOU LIKE THIS  
BOOK MY PAL  
MADE JUST  
FOR YOU!

xxx  
DENNIS



"WHATEVER YOU DO, *DON'T* MAKE HIM UP!"

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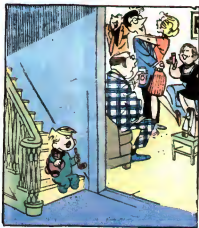
IT'S LIKE DIFFERENT SUNDAY SCHOOLS, JOEY... THEY ALL WORK FOR THE SAME GUY, BUT EACH ONE'S GOT HIS OWN CORNER."

1



"WHERE'S YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, GEORGE? IT WON'T HURT YOU TO SAY 'HO-HO-HO' FOR THE CHILDREN."

2



"HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ME! HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ME!  
HAPPY *NEW YEAR-R-R*, DEAR DENNIS!"

23





'BOY! THAT WAS A *SMALL* CHRISTMAS!  
WHAT BIG DEAL COMES NEXT?'

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'NOW *THAT'S* WHAT I CALL A STOCKIN!'

3



"MAKE A WISH."



"HOW 'BOUT THAT...  
IT'S SNOWIN'!"

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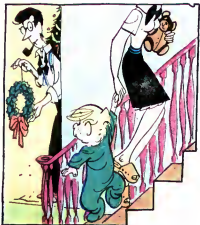


"ALL THAT?"



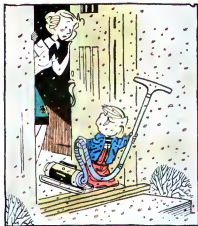
"IS THAT ALL?"

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\* IN CASE I'M TOO BUSY TO NOTICE YA IN THE MORNING ... **MERRY CHRISTMAS!** \*

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\* BUT, MOM... THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SNOW TO SHOVEL IT! \*

5



"HE'S NOT MAD AT YOU, JOEY... THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE FIRST SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS!"

6



"I'LL BET HE CAN GET A PONY DOWN THAT CHIMNEY NOW!"

19



"IF CHRISTMAS DON'T COME PRETTY SOON, I'M GONNA BUST FROM BEIN' SO DOGGONE **GOOD!**"

18



"I HAVE TO AGREE WITH DENNIS... SANTA CLAUS SIPPING MARTINIS WITH HIS REINDEER IS **DUMB.**"

7



"OKAY, YOU WRITE TO BETTY FRIEDAN AND I'LL WRITE TO SANTA CLAUS...AN' WE'LL SEE WHO MAKES OUT BEST."

8



"EVERY YEAR ABOUT THIS TIME YOU THINK HE'S FINALLY SHAPING UP, AND I HAVE TO REMIND YOU THAT IT'S THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS."

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"I THOUGHT WE WAS GOIN'  
CHRISTMAS SHOPPIN'?"

16



"RIGHT AFTER I VISIT  
SANTA CLAUS."



"THESE GUYS ON THE CORNER WILL PROMISE YA *ANYTHING*.  
BUT WHEN YOU COME BACK AFTER CHRISTMAS TO  
COMPLAIN, THEY'RE **GONE!**"

9



"DON'T *BITE* HIM, HUH? I SORTA PROMISED HIM YA WOULDN'T."

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"MAYBE SANTA CLAUS WILL BRING HIM A MOUSE."



"THAT WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF A CHRISTMAS FOR THE MOUSE."

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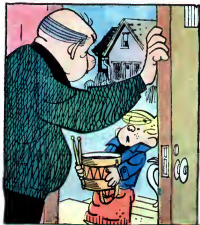
"TOYLAND? CAN I TALK TO YOUR SANTA CLAUS? HE TOLD ME TO BE SURE AN' CALL HIM IF I THOUGHT OF ANYTHING ELSE."

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"TELL HER WHAT YA TOLD ME... SHE DON'T BELIEVE YOU FEED YOUR REINDEER NOTHIN' BUT PRETZELS."

11



"SURE, TWO BUCKS IS A LOTA MONEY FOR A DRUM, MR. WILSON, BUT THIS IS THE LAST ONE I GOT...AND I NEED THE MONEY TO BUY MY FOLKS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT."

12



"NOW YESTERDAY, JUS' BEFORE YOU TOLD ME MY TEN MINUTES WAS UP...WE WAS TALKIN' ABOUT...."

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PERSONAL MODEL  
NAME



YOU'LL MAKE A  
REALLY BIG HIT  
WITH YOUR OWN

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